



University Graduate Committee
Tuesday, December 10, 2019 – 3:00pm to 4:00pm
901 Ginger Hall Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES

Chair: Michael Henson

Members in Attendance: Steve Chen, Jennifer Dearden, Jody Fernandez, Lucy Mays, Ron Morrison, Lee Nabb, Sherif Rashad, and Sue Tallichet

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Gera Jones, Kerry Murphy

Guests in Attendance: Charles Lydeard

Approval of October 8, 2019 Online UGC Meeting Minutes:

J. Fernandez moved that the minutes for the October 8, 2019 Online University Graduate Committee meeting be accepted. J. Dearden seconded the motion. All members approved. Motion carried.

Type I Proposals:

Master of Science in Nursing – Clarification of MSN program completion requirements. Department of Nursing, College of Science.

Master of Science in Nursing – NURG 631 – Change in pre-requisites. Department of Nursing, College of Science.

Master of Science in Nursing – NURG 632 – Change in pre-requisites. Department of Nursing, College of Science.

Master of Science in Nursing – NURG 633 – Change in pre-requisites. Department of Nursing, College of Science.

Master of Science in Nursing – NURG 634 – Change in pre-requisites. Department of Nursing, College of Science.

Master of Science in Nursing -- NURG 650 – Clarify course placement and description language. Department of Nursing, College of Science.

Chair Henson requested that the six (6) Type I Proposals from the Department of Nursing be considered collectively.

L. Mays was present from the Department of Nursing to explain that these Type I proposals were necessary so that the MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care program design offered the

proper sequencing of courses to assist a student to efficiently progress through the program and maximize their knowledge and skill development. Additionally, one proposal served to clarify the program completion language.

J. Dearden moved to accept the six (6) Type I MSN proposals changing pre-requisites, course sequencing, and clarifying completion language. S. Tallichet seconded the motion. All members approved. Motion carried.

Master of Art in Sociology – SOC 615 – Rename course. Department of Sociology, Social Work & Criminology, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

S. Tallichet of the Department of Sociology stated the need to rename SOC 615 to Quantitative Research Methods, a course designed to promote development of research skills, arose from of the elimination of the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences concentration and to have nomenclature consistency with the course SOC 655 Qualitative Research Methods.

J. Fernandez moved to accept the Type I proposal renaming SOC 615 to Quantitative Research Methods. J. Dearden seconded the motions. All members approved. Motion carried.

Type II Proposals:

Master of Science in Biology – BIOL 647 – change from 4 credits to 3 credits. Department of Biology, College of Science.

Master of Science in Biology – BIOL 690 – change from 4 credits to 3 credits. Department of Biology, College of Science.

Chair Henson requested that the two (2) Type II proposals from the Department of Biology be considered simultaneously.

Department of Biology Chair C. Lydeard discussed that the purpose of reducing of each of these four-credit hour courses to three (3) credit hours was two-fold, allowing students greater diversity in electives and breadth in their program and increasing the availability of faculty for other courses. R. Morrison raised the question of how content for each course would be reduced from four to three hours, and committee members agreed that each proposal should have additional language that addressed how and what content would be reduced. Chair Henson requested that Dr. Lydeard work with the course instructors to develop appropriate language that could be inserted into each proposal. This language is to be submitted to G. Jones as soon as possible. Dr. Lydeard was agreeable to these amendments.

Upon consultation by Dr. Lydeard with the instructors, it was determined that each syllabus attached to the respective proposal had already accommodated for the reduction in materials to be covered. The following additional language was added to each proposal under Section III.B.: “The attached syllabus reflects the revisions to the course to reduce lecture hours, assignments, etc. to that of a 3 credit hour course.”

L. Nabb moved to accept the two Type II proposals for BIOL 647 and BIOL 690 with the addition of the requested language. J. Fernandez seconded the motion. All members approved. Motion carried.

Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care – AVH 600 – New course. Department of Nursing, College of Science.

L. Mays presented this proposal explaining that the course AVH 600 addresses the huge need for current students (MSN and PA students) and practitioners (doctors, PA, nurse practitioners) to receive training on practices for care of the population suffering from the opioid epidemic. She also stated there are plans to seek certification so that students completing this course will also have the ability to prescribe suboxone. Mays stated that course AVH 600 is not only a good addition for MSU, but will bring benefits to the region.

J. Dearden moved to accept the Type II proposal for new course AVH 600 Managing the Patient with Opioid Use Disorder. S. Rashad seconded the motion. All members approved. Motion carried.

Type III Proposal:

Master of Art in Sociology – Eliminate Interdisciplinary Social Sciences concentration and clarify exit examination requirement. Department of Sociology, Social Work & Criminology, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

S. Tallichet recounted the need to eliminate the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences (ISS) concentration of the Master of Arts in Sociology program due to continuous low enrollment, stating that currently no student was enrolled in the program. Elimination of this concentration will allow for resources to be reallocated towards the other three program concentrations that either have steady or increasing enrollment. Also, clarification of exit examination information was needed to ensure student understanding and interpretation of this completion requirement.

G. Jones presented to committee members revised language for the Type III proposal related to Section I.B listing each of the courses that comprise 15 hour core of the program. Additionally, revisions to Section I.C. provided more detail to the exit examination language. Jones proposed that this language replace the initial language in each of the sections. Committee members agreed.

J. Dearden moved to accept the Type III proposal eliminating the ISS concentration and clarifying the exit examination requirement with the proposed revisions. S. Rashad seconded the motion. All members approved. Motion carried.

Type VI Proposals:

Master of Art in Sociology/Interdisciplinary Social Sciences. Department of Sociology, Social Work & Criminology, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

- IGEO 618-Power – Course deletion
- IGEO 619-Culture – Course deletion
- IGEO 633-Special Topics – Course deletion
- IGEO 642-Cities – Course deletion
- IGEO 651-Gender – Course deletion
- IGEO 652-Race – Course deletion
- IGEO 676-Directed Study – Course deletion
- IGEO 699A-Thesis I – Course deletion
- IGEO 699B- Thesis II – Course deletion
- IHIS 618-Power – Course deletion
- IHIS 619-Culture – Course deletion
- IHIS 633-Special Topics – Course deletion
- IHIS 642-Cities – Course deletion
- IHIS 651-Gender – Course deletion
- IHIS 652-Race – Course deletion
- IHIS 676-Directed Study – Course deletion
- IHIS 699A-Thesis I – Course deletion
- IHIS 699B-Thesis II – Course deletion
- ISOC 618- Power – Course deletion
- ISOC 619-Culture – Course deletion
- ISOC 633-Special Topics – Course deletion
- ISOC 642-Cities – Course deletion
- ISOC 651-Gender – Course deletion
- ISOC 652-Race – Course deletion
- ISOC 676-Directed Study – Course deletion
- ISS 618-Power – Course deletion
- ISS 619-Culture – Course deletion
- ISS 633–Special Topics – Course deletion
- ISS 642-Cities – Course deletion
- ISS 650-Social Thought and Theory – Course deletion
- ISS 651-Gender – Course deletion
- ISS 652-Race – Course deletion
- ISS 676-Directed Study – Course deletion
- ISS 690 Special Topics – Course deletion
- ISS 699A-Thesis I – Course deletion
- ISS 699B–Thesis II – Course deletion

Chair Henson requested that the 36 Type VI proposals for course deletion be considered collectively.

S. Tallichet reminded committee members that these were the courses specifically associated with the Interdisciplinary Social Science concentration of the Master of Art in Sociology, which is being eliminated, thus no future need for the courses.

J. Fernandez moved to accept the 36 Type VI proposal for course deletion. L. Mays seconded the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried.

The committee adjourned at 3:51 p.m.